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PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al. )

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For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 )  
Molecules and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Communication and Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed December 31, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

{Please amend the claims as follows:}

3. (Amended Four Times) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence:

Met Arg Leu Leu Xaa Leu Ser Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Leu Cys Xaa Xaa  
Xaa Xaa Ser Xaa Glu Gly Xaa Xaa Xaa Pro Ala Lys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Arg Xaa  
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys His Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Lys Gly  
Xaa His Xaa Arg Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Trp  
Val Val Pro Gly Ala Leu Pro Gln Xaa (SEQ ID NO: 22),